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## BURLINGTON AND LOCKHEED MARTIN SIGN "LETTER OF COOPERATION" ON GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES

Pledge of leadership, staff, and technical expertise to cooperatively explore sustainable environmental practices and renewable energy projects for Burlington and elsewhere

Burlington, VT – December 20, 2010. Burlington Mayor Bob Kiss and Lockheed Martin Corporation Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer Dr. Ray O Johnson signed a Letter of Cooperation today to work together on a variety of green energy-related issues. The Letter of Cooperation outlines the City and Lockheed Martin's mutual pledge for leadership and staff to work together and share technical expertise to "explore mutually beneficial arrangements involving sustainable environmental practices and renewable energy projects that can be applied in Burlington and elsewhere."

Burlington's connection to Lockheed Martin began with Burlington's selection as a first wave city to participate in the "Carbon War Room," a non-profit organization with the mission of leveraging the power of entrepreneurs to implement market-driven solutions to climate change. Discussions between Burlington and Lockheed Martin staff at the Carbon War Room "Green Capital Global Challenge" in Vancouver, Canada, in February set the stage for several meetings this year to discuss ways the two entities could work together to address global climate change. The Letter of Cooperation confirms this relationship.

"As a global security company, Lockheed Martin recognizes the economic and strategic challenges posed by our dependence on foreign oil and the potential destabilizing effects of climate change; sustainability is critical to our national security," said Dr. Johnson. "We are proud to partner with the City of Burlington to demonstrate a model for sustainability that can be replicated across the nation."

Lockheed Martin Corporation earned recognition at the Clinton Global Initiative in September for its commitment to work on a local government level to develop green energy initiatives and

sustainable environmental practices to address global climate change. The Letter of Cooperation with Burlington is part of that commitment.

The Letter of Cooperation lists a variety of areas in which Burlington and Lockheed Martin may be able to work together, including: sustainability analysis; climate adaptation analysis; energy and transportation technologies; solar photovoltaic systems; telematics and electric car technologies; property-assessed clean energy (PACE); and three-dimensional light detection and ranging (LIDAR) city model.

"We're pleased to be able to formally initiate this relationship with Lockheed Martin to work together on the paramount issue of global climate change," said Mayor Bob Kiss. "This relationship results from Burlington's participation in the Carbon War Room and our well-established commitment to environmental sustainability. Not only can we make a difference in Burlington, but potentially elsewhere around the world."

Burlington recently won the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Home Depot Foundation Award of Excellence for Sustainable Community Development, as the top small city in the U.S. for the development and application of its sustainability plan, the Legacy Plan.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 133,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Corporation's 2009 sales from continuing operations were \$44.0 billion. For more information go to <a href="https://www.lockheedmartin.com">www.lockheedmartin.com</a>

More information about the Carbon War Room is available at: <a href="www.carbonwarroom.com/">www.carbonwarroom.com/</a>. More information about the Legacy Plan is available at: <a href="http://burlingtonlegacyproject.org/">http://burlingtonlegacyproject.org/</a>.